



TOWNSHIP OF UPPER UWCHLAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2014
(Tuesday)

Approved

Attending:

Board of Supervisors

Catherine A. Tomlinson, Chair
Kevin C. Kerr, Vice-Chair

Township Administration

Cary B. Vargo, Township Manager
Gwen A. Jonik, Township Secretary
Jill Bukata, Township Treasurer
Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator
Mike Heckman, Director of Public Works
Dave Leh, P.E. Township Engineer

Mrs. Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., led the salute to the flag and offered a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to approve as presented the minutes of the Board of Supervisors January 14, 2014 Workshop and January 21, 2014 Meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Payments

Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to pay all the vendors as listed February 12, 2014. The Motion carried unanimously.

Steve McNaughton questioned the purchase from AmeriGas. Mr. Vargo explained that is the Company owning the propane tank in existence on the property when we purchased the Public Works Facility and we have to purchase product from them.

Treasurer's Report

Jill Bukata reported a strong balance sheet. Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to accept the report as presented. Mrs. Tomlinson questioned the public works expenditures toward all of the snow and ice events. Mrs. Bukata replied approximately half the snow removal budget has been expended with salt purchases and overtime through the month of January. The Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor's Report

Mrs. Tomlinson announced the Board of Supervisors had declared a disaster emergency for the period of February 5-19, 2014 in order to meet the needs of the Township during the snow-ice-power outage events, such as renting or purchasing generators to power the traffic lights, purchasing additional road salt if/when it was available, etc.

Mrs. Tomlinson read the following calendar: March 11, 2014 4:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors Workshop; March 13, 2014 Chester County Association of Township Officials (CCATO) Spring Conference; March 17, 2014 7:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors Meeting; March 26, 2014 Yard

Waste Collection. Mr. Kerr explained the CCATO Spring Conference is an opportunity to meet with Township Officials from throughout the County and attend educational seminars on topics of current events/interest.

Mrs. Tomlinson advised dumpsters have been made available throughout the Township for residents to dispose of tree debris from the storms, however there's been so much snow on top of the debris, few have been able to clear their yards. The dumpsters will remain in place until after the snow melts.

Administrative Reports

Township Engineer's Report

Dave Leh reported his Firm has completed the design of the Upland Farm trail system and they've submitted plans for environmental permits to the County and State. They've also completed designs for trails along the Funderwhite property – Route 100 and Little Conestoga Road – and have to submit Highway Occupancy permit requests to PennDOT even though it won't involve the roadway. Gilmore & Associates is performing a cooperative review of Columbia Gas Eastside Expansion Plans for us and surrounding townships regarding environmental permits throughout the pipeline expansion.

Building and Codes Department Report

Al Gaspari reported 33 building permits were issued in January, totaling \$7,844.00 in permit fees, comparable to last January. ViroPharma had expanded their facility in the Eagleview Corporate Center. The former Hannum Electric building on Park Road will have a new business operating soon – pottery classes.

Police Chief's Report

Cary Vargo reported on Chief DeMarco's behalf. There were 1,175 incidents logged during January, including 10 criminal arrests.

Public Works Department Report

Mike Heckman reported the Department has been quite busy clearing and cleaning storm drains, repairing equipment, responding to 14 snow/ice events, clearing tree debris from roadways, and further clearing intersections for increased sight distance.

Mr. Heckman thanked the Board of Supervisors, the Building Department, the Township Manager and the administrative staff for assisting the Public Works Department during the snowstorms. The snow removal Contractors, P.J. Reilly and Mulch & More, performed well also.

Administration

Columbia Gas Pipeline Eastside Expansion Project – Letter of Intent. Mrs. Tomlinson advised that the Board of Supervisors has been asked to approve a Letter of Intent, specific to the Columbia Eastside Expansion Project, as negotiated with representatives of Columbia Gas, with the understanding that a formal Agreement will be presented in the future for the Supervisors' approval. Mr. Vargo explained the general route of the expansion, within existing pipeline right of way, and the new pipe installation areas affect a few Township-owned properties. The Letter of Intent details the Agreements already discussed between Columbia Gas and Township Staff. Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to approve the Letter of Intent. So moved.

Open Session

Vince Moulter, Tudor Lane, voiced frustration and dissatisfaction with the lack of or delayed snow removal on his cul-de-sac during recent storms. Mr. Vargo and Mr. Heckman explained the snow removal procedures and assured Mr. Moulter there wouldn't have been anything intentional in the delay of plowing a street.

Cindy McMahon questioned regulations regarding fence height. Mr. Gaspari addressed her questions.

Steve McNaughton questioned the compensation Columbia Gas is offering for "damages" to Township property during the expansion, and suggested those monies could be used to directly off-set real estate or earned income taxes for the residents next year, a tax holiday so-to-speak. Mrs. Tomlinson advised the compensation offered totals \$532,000.00. Mr. Vargo explained that compensation will be needed to repair the Township-owned properties that will be disturbed by the pipeline project. Mr. Kerr advised the idea could be considered during the 2015 Budget draft.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Mrs. Tomlinson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Township Secretary